

* Amateur Radio is a valuable resource that must be protected. We are a group with the technical ability, the equipment widely distributed, and mobility the likes of which our nation needs and relies upon in times of emergency. We provide communications of all sorts -voice, morse code, RTTY and other digital modes, Amateur TV, all on many frequencies which provide great flexibility- without relying upon the commercial power grid or telephone/Internet/Cablevision networks. We cannot contribute to these communication needs if our frequencies and bands are not protected from interference.

I am a National Weather Service recognized Storm Spotter. I live in a rural area 20 miles southwest of Monroe LA. A large percentage of severe weather events approach Ouachita Parish from this area. In those times, I am actively participating with other hams and the Shreveport NWS to ensure that accurate and timely reports from the storm are available to protect the public.

* The present FCC Part 15 limits for this technology already can result in substantial interference potential to amateur frequencies.

* BPL systems that radiate on wide swaths of spectrum and occupy entire neighborhoods have greater interference potential than localized systems, such as switching power supplies or electric motors.

* The FCC has promised to protect licensed users of the spectrum. We must hold them to that promise.